



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Carole Rogers, RN Vice-President Greg Rodriguez Secretary Kimberly Barraza Treasurer Daniel Logsdon, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA	Chris Christensen, CPA, Chief Executive Officer Eric Taylor, CPA, Chief Administration Officer Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Will Dean, Director of Communications and Marketing Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	Director Arthur Shorr Director Evett PerezGil

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present except Director Shorr and Director PerezGil.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President Rogers led the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President Rogers asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#24-77 MOTION WAS MADE by Secretary Barraza and seconded by Vice-President Rodriguez to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil
D. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
E. Consent Agenda		



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<p>1. BOARD MINUTES a. Board of Directors Meeting – November 26, 2024</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS a. November 2024 Financial Statements – F&A Approved December 11, 2024</p> <p>3. LAS PALMAS MEDICAL PLAZA a. Desert Physicians Medical Group Health (DPMG Health) – Suite 1W-104 – 5-Year Lease b. Desert Physicians Medical Group Health (DPMG Health) – Suite 3W-101– 5-Year Lease</p> <p>4. CEO DISCRETIONARY FUND a. Increase the CEO Discretionary Fund by \$50,000 (totaling \$100,000) through the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025</p> <p>5. BUDGET MODIFICATION a. Grant #1333 – Lideres Campesinas Budget Modification</p>	<p>President Rogers asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director De Lara pulled item 4.a. CEO Discretionary Fund describing the discussions from the F&A Committee meeting.</p>	<p>#24-78 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rodriguez and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the consent agenda removing item 4.a. – CEO Discretionary Fund. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p> <p>#24-79 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Vice-Rodriguez to approve the consent agenda with item 4.a. – CEO Discretionary Fund. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p>
<p>F. Strategic Funding</p> <p>1. Grant #1476 Desert ARC: Desert ARC Health Care Program – \$ 139,495</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, introduced Nick Prudhomme, the Development/Content Marketing Manager at Desert Arc. Mr. Prudhomme provided an overview of the grant and answered the board's questions.</p>	<p>#24-80 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Barraza and seconded by President Rogers to approve Grant #1476 Desert ARC: Desert ARC Health Care Program – \$ 139,495. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p>



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<p>2. Grant #1485 OneFuture Coachella Valley: RN Expansion Project – \$374,900 for two years</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provided an overview of the OneFuture Coachella Valley RN Expansion project grant request, highlighting its connection to the Healthcare Leadership Roundtable and the ongoing pipeline of student development.</p> <p>The board discussed the 85% completion rate of the program, the advantages of the grant program, a waiting list, and the potential for expanding the program.</p>	<p>#24-81 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rodriguez and seconded by President Rogers to approve the Grant #1485 OneFuture Coachella Valley: RN Expansion Project – \$374,900 for two years.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p>
<p>G. Reports</p> <p>1. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report – Michele Finney, CEO</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO of Desert Regional Medical Center and the Desert Care Network, presented the monthly updates at Desert Regional Medical Center. Ms. Finney described the Quality/People, including the ACS Trauma Level 1 Re-Accreditation Survey, the Beta Health Domain Validation, Services/Events, as well as Capital & Construction Projects.</p> <p>The board anticipates receiving updates on the expansion of the JFK Memorial Hospital emergency room.</p>	



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<p>2. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report – Chris Christensen, CEO</p> <p>a. 2025 Committee Assignments</p> <p>b. Appointment of Directors to the Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p> <p>c. Board of Directors District and Foundation Orientation</p>	<p>President Rogers described the 2025 Committee Assignments with no comments or questions from the Board requesting that the Board contact the Board Relations Officer concerning any amendments.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, the CEO, announced the appointment of President Rogers and Vice-President Rodriguez to the Governing Board of the Desert Regional Medical Center.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, the CEO, outlined the details of two onboarding sessions for both new and existing directors. He also mentioned plans to hire a consultant who will assist with the next two years of the Strategic Plan, providing guidance throughout the process independent of the workshops.</p> <p>The board discussed additional options, including preparations for a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The board also considered other consultant suggestions, including a description from the CEO on how to advance the final two years of the Strategic Plan.</p>	
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<p>d. Sponsorships</p> <p>i. Consideration to approve a \$5,000 Sponsorship to The Don't Mind Me Foundation (DMM) 4th Annual Don't Mind Me Gala – March 8, 2025</p>	<p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, provided an overview of the Don't Mind Me Foundation's request for a \$5,000 sponsorship.</p> <p>The board discussed the foundation's goals, the budget for the sponsorship request, the organization's financial stability, and criteria for screening, such as the number of past attendees.</p>	<p>#24-82 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Barraza and seconded by Vice-President Rodriguez to approve a \$5,000 Sponsorship to The Don't Mind Me Foundation (DMM) 4th Annual Don't Mind Me Gala.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p>
<p>ii. Consideration to approve a \$5,000 Silver Sponsorship to the California Farmworker Foundation Día De La Familia – March 16, 2025</p>	<p>Chief of Community Engagement Alejandro Espinoza discussed the California Farmworker Foundation's mission and work in the East Valley. Although the event date is listed with the sponsorship, the board inquired about the location.</p>	<p>#24-83 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Barraza to approve a \$5,000 Silver Sponsorship to the California Farmworker Foundation Día De La Familia.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p>
<p>iii. Consideration to approve a \$10,000 Ruby Sponsor to Stepping Out for COD – Citizens of Distinction Gala – January 16, 2025</p>	<p>Mr. Christensen provided an overview of Stepping Out for COD Citizens of Distinction Gala, highlighting the District's President's Award and the two complimentary tickets.</p> <p>The board discussed the necessity of establishing guidelines for determining sponsorships.</p>	<p>#24-84 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rodriguez and seconded by Director Logsdon to approve a \$10,000 Ruby Sponsor to Stepping Out for COD – Citizens of Distinction Gala.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p>



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<p>iv. Consideration to approve a \$12,500 Supporting Sponsor to the DAP Health Steve Chase Awards – March 29, 2025</p>	<p>Mr. Christensen provided an overview of the sponsorship opportunities for DAP Health’s Annual Chase Awards.</p> <p>The board discussed the sponsorship levels, specifically the \$10k and \$5k options, including their associated marketing and promotional benefits.</p> <p>Bill VanHermit, the director of institutional giving at DAP Health, answered questions from the board regarding the various sponsorship levels.</p>	<p>ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p> <p>#24-85 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Logsdon and seconded by Director De Lara to approve a \$12,500 Supporting Sponsor to the DAP Health Steve Chase Awards.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p>
<p>v. Consideration to approve a \$10,000 Out of the Past Sponsorship to The Joslyn Center Café Noir Wine and All That Jazz – January 14, 2025</p>	<p>Mr. Christensen described the Joslyn Center’s Café Noir sponsorship request and the District’s previous support of the event.</p>	<p>#24-86 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rodriguez and seconded by Director Logsdon to approve a \$10,000 Out of the Past Sponsorship to The Joslyn Center Café Noir Wine and All That Jazz.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 5 President Rogers, Vice-President Rodriguez, Secretary Barraza, Director Logsdon, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 2 Director Shorr and Director PerezGil</p>
<p>e. CEO Engagements and District Media Visibility</p>	<p>Mr. Christensen described the monthly CEO engagements and District media visibility.</p>	



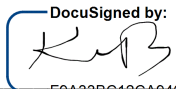
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<p>3. Legal – Jeffrey G. Scott, Esq., Law Offices of Jeffrey G. Scott</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, did not provide a monthly report, but wished everyone a happy holiday.</p>	
<p>H. Committee Meetings</p> <p>H.1. Program Committee</p> <p>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2024</p> <p>b. Progress Reports Update</p> <p>c. Grant Applications Status Report</p> <p>d. Grant Status Report/Update – Grant #1468 Eisenhower Health – \$1,989,493 – 3 years to support Psychiatric Care Expansion and Psychiatry Residency Program</p> <p>e. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>H.2. Finance, Legal, Administration, and Real Estate Committee</p> <p>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2024</p>	<p>Chaired by Director De Lara, she inquired with the board about any questions regarding items a. through e. from the Program Committee meeting.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Chaired by Director De Lara, she inquired with the board about any questions regarding the F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p>I. Board Member Comments</p>	<p>Director De Lara highlighted the groundbreaking of the park in Thermal, also attended by Mr. Christensen, CEO, and Assemblymember Garcia, who recently completed his term in office. Director De Lara also elaborated on</p>	



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	<p>Assemblymember Garcia's contributions to the District's expansion.</p> <p>President Rogers presented a bouquet for Director PerezGil in recognition of her two years of leadership as board president.</p> <p>President Rogers also provided an overview of the California Hospital Association Annual Behavioral Health Symposium and invited the board to the Desert Hot Springs Free Mobile Health Clinic.</p>	
J. Adjournment	President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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 Kimberly Barraza, Secretary, Board of Directors
 Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer